

Departmental Short-Term and Long-Term Strategic Issues

Department: Sheriff's Office

FY2007

Short-Term Issues: List critical issues facing the department now and through the next couple fiscal years.

- Maintaining staffing needs of the Sheriff Office as the workload increases.
- There has been an increase in the minimum required training for deputies, as mandated by Department of Criminal Justice Services and the American Correctional Association, although staffing is limited.
- Maintain the number of inmates on the Home Electronic Monitoring Program to divert them from already overcrowded bed space in the jail.
- Continue with the Community Service Diversion effort in order to divert first offenders and other non-violent criminals to work for the County in lieu of reporting to jail.
- Upgrade communication system, HVAC system, electrical systems, mechanical systems, and update the control panels in the control room.
- Increased security around the exterior perimeter of the jail due to Homeland Security requirements. Need additional cameras and lighting.
- Update our Jail Management Software and Program. This system manages all of our inmate records.

Long-Term Issues: List major issues or trends that may confront the department beyond the next couple fiscal years.

- Inadequate parking for the Courthouse Complex.
- Continue to train deputies in issues of work place violence.
- As the workload of law enforcement continues to increase, it translates into additional workloads for the Sheriff's Office, which requires additional court security and jail staffing.
- Continued dramatic increase of daily inmate population with insufficient funding made available through the State or County.
- Continued repair of central control room operating panel, with lack of maintenance ability.